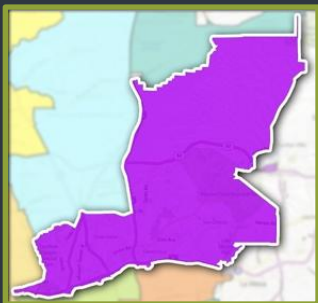


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Council Rescinds Jobs Tax

On March 4th, the San Diego City Council voted unanimously to rescind the "Jobs Tax."

As a City we need to remain focused on creating good jobs. The action taken by the City Council in November 2013 to increase the linkage fee by up to 750% would have stifled job growth in San Diego. I was strongly opposed to this proposal then and believe that the council made the right choice by rescinding this measure.

The jobs tax is a misguided policy that would have cost San Diego thousands of jobs annually, as it is essentially a tax on new commercial development projects. The tax has historically been an ineffective funding source for affordable housing, and a drastic increase in the tax would severely inhibit economic growth. Further, more than half of the revenue collected from the jobs tax could have been potentially spent on things other than affordable housing.

In addition, San Diego is the only city in San Diego County who imposes this fee. After the City Council passed the massive jobs tax

increase, many cities began move within their boundaries.

Thank you to the nearly 53,000 people who signed the petition in less than 30 days to place this item on the ballot. I applaud my colleagues for listening to the people of San Diego who sent a clear message that there was significant public opposition to this tax.

Housing affordability is a critical issue in our City and we need to work diligently to find a solution that will not hurt our local economy in the process. I look forward to continuing the dialogue with Mayor Kevin Faulconer, my colleagues on the City Council, and community stakeholders to find a comprehensive plan to deal with the affordable housing crisis in San Diego.

Yours in Service,

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Infrastructure Committee Approves MTRP Upgrades

On March 5th, Councilmember Sherman and the Infrastructure Committee voted to approve funding to design a Multi-Use Administration Building and Shade Structure at the Mission Trails Regional Park Equestrian Center (MTRP). The plan calls for a 5,000 sq. ft. administration building that will include staff offices, a conference room, information center, public restrooms, a workshop room with a screened storage yard, as well as a 2,300 sq. ft. covered picnic shelter. The shade structure will provide relief from the elements at a heavily used entry point MTRP and will be big enough to accommodate large events.

Linda Vista Skate Park

The Tony Hawk Foundation recently gifted the City a \$40,000 grant to use towards the design and construction of the future Linda Vista Skate Park. This is a large step forward for Councilmember Sherman, the Friends of the Linda Vista Skate Park, and city staff who have been working to secure funding to build a state of the art skate park for the Linda Vista community.

Councilmember Sherman and his team have submitted an application for a State grant which would cover a majority of the costs for the skate park. We are currently awaiting the results of the application which should be released in the next few months. As many have experienced when driving through Linda Vista, and a number of other communities within San Diego, the population of young people using skateboards is growing. This skate park would provide a safe secure area for people of all ages to practice, exercise and master their skate boarding abilities.

Pershing Middle School Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Councilmember Scott Sherman was honored to present Pershing Middle School with a proclamation which proclaimed February 3rd "Pershing Middle School Day" in the City of San Diego. Pershing celebrated this milestone with a school-wide celebration including recognition of the first graduating class from the school. At this event students learned about the school's storied history of Pershing Middle School. A fun fact students were surprised to learn was that Pershing's mascot was once the paladins before it changed to the panthers.

Events Attended by Councilman Sherman

2/1: Mission Trails
Regional Park
Foundation Volunteer
Recognition Dinner

2/6: Allied Gardens
Community Coffee

2/8: San Carlos
Community Garden Plot
Party

2/13: Hotel-Motel
Association 35th
Anniversary Golden Key
Awards Reception

2/19: 65th RSVP
Academy Graduation

2/20: Tour of the San
Diego Zoo

2/21: 211 Annual
Connections Luncheon

2/24: Friends of Ruffin
Canyon Meeting

2/25: Allied Gardens
Town Hall

2/27: Bi-National
Legislators Forum

2/27: City Hall Black
History Month
Celebrations

2/27: Junior League of
San Diego's "A Night in
New Orleans"
Fundraiser

Mission Trail Regional Park Master Plan Update

Mission Trails Regional Park (MTRP) is currently undergoing the process of updating their Master Plan Update.

The following is a summary of the steps to approve the Master Plan Update:

- A series of public workshops were held in the spring of 2011 to engage local stakeholder and the interested public in the identification of future trails within the park.
- The public drafts of the MTRP Master Plan Update and the Natural Resource Management Plan have been completed and are available online for public review. These documents can be accessed at <http://www.ktuaprojects.com/mtrp/mtrpdoclist.html>.
 - Please send all comments on the draft MTRP Master Plan Update and Natural Resource Management Plan to Jeff Harkness at JHarkness@sandiego.gov.
- A programmatic Environmental Impact Report is also being prepared in an effort to ensure California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance for all proposed facilities and management activities planned within the Master Plan Update and Natural Resource Management Plan Update
- A notice of Preparation (also known as a Scoping Letter) for the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) is currently being developed. Once it is created the public will be given a chance to comment on the adequacy of the draft PEIR.
 - Once completed the document will be available on this website:
<http://www.ktuaprojects.com/mtrp/mtrpdoclist.html>.
- Upon completion of all three draft documents (Master Plan Update, Natural Resource Management Plan, and Programmatic Environmental Impact Report) the plans will proceed through the approval process
- Approval from the following groups are required for the Master Plan Update:
 - MTRP Citizens Advisory Committee
 - MTRP Task Force
 - City Council Natural Resources and Cultural Committee
 - City Council
 - County Board of Supervisors

Upcoming District 7 Events

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation, located at 1 Father Junipero Serra Trail, San Diego, CA 92119, is hosting free concerts for the public. The concerts will be held on the third Sunday of the month in the Visitor Center Theater at 3:00 p.m. with a reception immediately following.

The schedule:

- March 16: Candella String Quartet – Scripps Ranch High School
- April 6: San Diego Harp Society
- May 18: Mary Lou Brandwein and the Takahasi Flute
- June 8: San Diego Native American Flute Circle

ALLIED GARDENS FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE – MARCH 22

The Allied Gardens Benjamin Branch Friends of the Library will be holding their first book sale of 2014 at Allied Gardens/Benjamin Library, located at 5188 Zion Ave, on Saturday, March 22, 2014 from 9:30am until 1pm. They have a large variety of books for children, teens and adults at bargain prices. Identify yourself as a teacher and receive 10% off any purchase.

LINDA VISTA MULTI-CULTURAL FAIR – APRIL 26

The 29th Annual Linda Vista Multi Cultural Fair, held on the 6900 block of Linda Vista Road, will be taking place on Saturday, April 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The fair is intended to promote cultural awareness and understanding in San Diego. Its numerous cultural exhibits, varied ethnic food offerings and delightful artistic performances are coming soon. All interested vendors, performers, volunteers, and sponsors should visit www.lindavistafair.org for applications and more information.

TIERRESANTA PATRIOTS DAY PARADE – MAY 17

Mark your calendars for the May 17th Patriots Day parade festivities. The Patriots Day parade starts at 10:00 a.m. from Serra High School and will travel almost a mile throughout Tierrasanta. After the parade there will be an Arts & Crafts Fair in the Tierrasanta Town Center parking where there will be local crafts, an All-American Barbeque Dinner, live music, and dancing. Fireworks will be held after the festivities at the Tierrasanta Community Park. A special thank you to the Kiwanis Club of Tierrasanta, the Tierrasanta Women's Club, Tierrasanta Community Council, and the Tierrasanta Recreation Council for putting together this TierraFest celebration and donating all net proceeds towards youth projects in the Tierrasanta/Murphy Canyon area.

DISTRICT 7 LIBRARY EVENTS

Our District 7 libraries host many events that are great for the whole community.

Allied Gardens / Benjamin Branch – On Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. the library hosts "Hatha Yoga for Adults." Aryn Rannazzisi leads a gentle paced class combining breath work and postures (asanas) to promote strength, flexibility and balance. This all-level class will include inversions, backbends and sun salutations. Please bring a mat or large towel and a hand towel or strap to class.

Linda Vista Branch – Every Monday and Friday from 4:00 -5:00 p.m. the library hosts crafts for kids where they can stretch their imaginations and create fabulous crafts. Every Friday, from 4:30-5:20 p.m. the library hosts a Trading Card Game Club, join in and meet other Yu-Gi-Oh, Pokemon, and Magic players.

Mission Valley Branch – Every Monday from 4:00 -5:00 p.m. the library hosts Zumba Basic for all ages. Every Tuesday, from 6:00 -7:00 p.m. the library hosts Yoga for Adults and Teens. Every Thursday, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. the library hosts a Tai Chi class for adults 55+. Every Tuesday, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. the library hosts Yoga classes for all age groups, join them in shaping both body and mind.

San Carlos Branch – The San Carlos Friends of the Library Book Sale will be holding book sales on the first Saturday of the month from 9:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m. The proceeds from these sales go to purchase books, programs, and equipment for community use and enjoyment at the San Carlos Library.

Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch – Every Monday and Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Zumba Dance/Toning Fitness classes are held for adults. Every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. is Kids Night with Hopscotch at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa branch, please join Miss Kim for music, stories, arts and crafts in a program which is ideal for toddlers and pre-schoolers. On Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. the library offers free tutoring and homework help for children ages 5 and up. Zumba Gold Fitness is held on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and is designed for beginners and active seniors.

Tierrasanta Branch – Baby Sign Story Time takes place on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. During this class Parents and babies will learn signs through favorite stories such as Brown Bear, Brown Bear and Goodnight Moon and rediscover nursery rhymes through signing.

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Appointments to Boards and Commissions

The City of San Diego has a variety of **boards and commissions** offering an excellent opportunity for individuals to volunteer their services on significant matters. Boards and commissions may be fiduciary, regulatory, policy-setting and/or advisory; and in all cases, members' contributions are invaluable to the Mayor, the City Council, and the City.

A list of current vacancies and an application form to be considered for an appointment can be found at <http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/boards-commissions/>.

If you have any questions or would like to apply for an appointment please contact Barrett Tetlow at 619-236-6677 or btetlow@sandiego.gov.

D7 Citizen of the Month – Kim O'Hara

Councilman Scott Sherman had the honor of proclaiming February 25, 2014 as "Kim O'Hara Day" in the City of San Diego. Kim has spent over 14 years dedicating her life to children and adults with physical disabilities. She volunteers her time coaching wheelchair soccer, basketball, and rugby at Adaptive Sports and Recreation. She plays an integral role in Junior Wheelchair sports camp by serving as a volunteer camp committee member, counselor, and food and beverage manager. Kim is more than a coach and camp counselor to these children, she takes them to hospital appointments, leads socials and even offers her own apartment for movie nights and cooking lessons. She has demonstrated her commitment to bettering the lives of children with disabilities through her numerous volunteer activities and persistent involvement in their lives.



Councilman Sherman with Kim O'Hara and families from the Adaptive Sports and Recreation Association

Casework Corner

One of my top priorities is improving customer service at City Hall. I believe our government should be using these five simple words more:
"How may I help you?"

Neighborhood Issues Successfully Resolved in
February:

Sherman in the District



- Speaking at the Allied Gardens Town Hall
- At the Friends of Ruffin Canyon Meeting
- Presenting a proclamation to Kim O'Hara during a City Council Meeting
- At the RSVP Graduation with Councilmember Lightner, Councilmember Zapf and Councilmember Emerald
- At a tour of the SD Zoo Tour with District 7 Staff
- Speaking at Young Audiences' Military Arts Connection

